

## **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI JOINS CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS IN SALUTING U.S. TROOPS & VETERANS**

Garamendi returns to alma mater for &quot;Spirit of America - Armed Forces Appreciation Day&quot;

**SACRAMENTO** - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi will participate in the &quot;Spirit of America&quot; pre-game festivities Saturday at the UC Berkeley Cal Bears versus Louisiana Tech University Bull Dogs football game. In a game day dedicated to soldiers, veterans and their families, Garamendi will join in a special salute to the United States Armed Forces.

An alumnus of the University of California, Berkeley, Garamendi is a former Academic All-American football offensive guard, two-time member of the All-Pacific Coast Conference Team and West Coast collegiate heavyweight wrestling champion. He is proud to return to his former home field to honor and support the brave men, women and their families serving our nation around the world.

Lieutenant Governor Garamendi is working on initiatives to ensure that California's service members and veterans can readily access and receive all services and benefits to which they are entitled. In July, he appointed retired Navy Captain and Purple Heart Recipient Wade Sanders as his Senior Advisor for Military and Veterans Affairs to assist the Lieutenant Governor in developing and implementing solutions for service members and veterans.

WHO:

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi

WHEN:

Saturday, September 15, 2007  
3:30 pm

WHERE:

UC Berkeley vs. Louisiana Tech University Football Game  
California Memorial Stadium  
University of California, Berkeley  
210 Memorial Stadium  
Berkeley, California

NOTE:

In honor of "Spirit of America Day", reduced general admission tickets for veterans, active military, reserves, National Guard and their families are available.

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